

SUN BEAR NEWS

Miss Katie & Miss Lisa

New Sun Bears!

We are thrilled to welcome Chien and Gavin to our Sun Bear group! We are all enjoying our two new fantastic bears!! Also, we are so happy to have Bailey back- we all missed her greatly!!

Matter Books

The Snow Globe Family

What is a Liquid?

Heart of a Snowman

Bear Snores On

The Gift of Nothing

Ooblek

Ooblek is a very interesting substance that seems to be both a solid and a liquid. If you mix water with cornstarch, you will find that you can pull it together with your fingers into a seemingly solid shaped ball, but then it relaxes back into a liquid. The amounts include slightly more starch than water, and adding coloring to the mix makes it bright. Have fun!



3 States of Matter

The Sun Bears had a great time experimenting with liquids, solids and gases. They had a liquid race to understand thickness- orange juice won and paint was the slow poke! They were surprised to see there was the same amount of liquid in different sized containers- the shape made it tricky! They also had fun turning liquids into solids by making popsicles, and enjoyed eating them before they melted back into liquids! They heated solids (chocolate, marshmallows, candles) to melt them down to liquids, and observed them harden back into solids again once cooled. They also melted crayons to make a lovely picture of colorful dripping wax. It was quite exciting to watch a solid (baking soda) and liquid (vinegar) mix together to create a gas (bubbles) to blow up a balloon. The Sun Bears also made beautiful pictures with colorful bubbles.





Winter Books

[The Quiltmaker's Gift](#)

[My First Kwanza](#)

[Legend of the Candy Cane](#)

[Gingerbread Baby](#)

[McDuff's New Friend](#)

This Week

It is hard to believe only 3 more days until holiday break- where is our Sun Bear year going?! This week, we will be reading [Dream Snow](#), [A Wish to be a Christmas Tree](#) and [Mooseltoe](#). We will make our own sensory snow (since there is not much coming from mother nature!), cut snowflakes and use spray bottles to create a wintery scene. We will also make bird feeders as a gift for our little feathered friends, decorate a mini styrofoam tree, make a snowman with a variety of fun materials and finish up a little goody for some special people!

We wish you a happy holiday and a wonderful break! We look forward to seeing our bears in 2015!!

Holidays and Winter Joy

This is a wonderful time of year to talk about kindness, sharing and giving. [The Quiltmaker's Gift](#) is a beautiful story about the true meaning of happiness and the joy that comes from the act of giving. The Sun Bears enjoyed creating their own class quilt with bright colors and interesting designs. After the class learned about the legend of where candy canes originated, they experimented with candy canes in different temperatures of water. Ask your little Sun Bear which temp made the red stripes disappear the fastest/slowest, and what happened to all 3 candy canes by the end of our school day! We also made tasty wreaths with corn flakes, marshmallows and red hots. Our Sun Bears are very enthusiastic cooks who can really whip up a delicious treat! You may have seen a shimmery winter wonderland come home in a bottle- the kids had great fun making snow globes with a real pine branch. A touch of winter magic :)

